



PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month April 2018



WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the City of DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

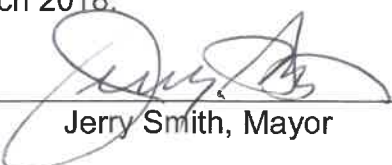
WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month** in the City of DeKalb. I support child abuse and neglect prevention efforts and education, and I encourage all citizens to actively help protect our children and work to create strong families within this community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of DeKalb this 26th day of March 2018.


Jerry Smith, Mayor